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MAIL NOTICE

FOR	PER	DATE
Singapore and Calcutta	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 11.00 A.M.
Swatow and Canton	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Manila, Cebu, and Iloilo	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu, and San Francisco	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
SIAMIAN MAIL TO EUROPE	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Europe, etc., India, etc., Tigris, Etc.	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 1000 A.M. to Nipon, Extra Postage 10 cents.)	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Letters posted in all the other towns in time for the next steamer will be included in the same mail.	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
The Postal mail will be closed on Friday 24th instant at 5 p.m.	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Shanghai	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
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Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Nagasaki, Kobe, and Yokohama	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Swatow	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
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Manila (Taking mail for Cebu and Iloilo)	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Port Durban, Thursday Is., Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, Hobart, Launceston, New Zealand, Dunedin, Melbourne, Adelaide, Perth and Fremantle	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang, and Calcutta	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Japan, Tigris, Etc.	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
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Huichow	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Haimun	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Daijin Maru	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Hayang	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Changsha	1000 A.M.	Saturday, 25th, 10.00 A.M.
Tuesday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.		
Japan	1000 A.M.	Tuesday, 28th, NOON
Tigris, Etc.	1000 A.M.	Tuesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Huichow	1000 A.M.	Tuesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Haimun	1000 A.M.	Tuesday, 28th, 10.00 A.M.
Zafira	1000 A.M.	Tuesday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Chiyo Maru	1000 A.M.	Tuesday, Dec 1st, Printed Matter and Samples 10.00 A.M.
		Registration 10.00 A.M.
		With late fee, to 10.15
		Kowloon B.O. 10.00 A.M.

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CITY HALL

Saturday, December 2nd.

THE OLD FIRM—GENUINE BOUTS.
WELTERWEIGHT SUPREMACY OF THE ORIENT.
BILL LEWIS v. W. HUDSON, E.R.A.,
20 three-minute rounds.

LIGHTWEIGHT SUPREMACY OF THE ORIENT.
STOKER BIGGINS v. MICKY DINN,
15 two-minute rounds.

FEATHERWEIGHT SUPREMACY OF THE ORIENT.
PTE. POTTER v. BANDSMAN SHUTTER,
15 two-minute rounds.

Also
LITTLEJOHNS v. SEAMAN HEATH,
10 two-minute rounds.

Doors open 8.30, commencing 9 p.m. sharp.
Admission, 5s, 3s, and 2s.
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to the 2s seats.]

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H. TILLMAN, Manager.

Hongkong, 25th November, 1911.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS

Arrivals at destination: Nov 17—Aki Maru, Dorfing, Øresund, Nov 21—Peho, Rheinfels.

Passed Canal, Nov 17—Aragonie, Nore, Person, Segovia, Tonkin, Satsuma, Fushim, Rhine, Nov 21—Bansch, Welsh Prince Monsoon, Mishima Maru, Prinz Ludwig, and Barca Balfour.

Chigo Maru will be despatched for San Francisco on the 1st December via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu.

Tenyo Maru sailed from San Francisco to 22nd inst. for Hongkong, and is expected to arrive at this port on or about the 19th Dec.

The T.K.K. str. Shio Maru sailed from Yokohama on the 14th inst. for San Francisco and is due at that port on or about 3rd inst.

The T.K.K. str. Nippon Maru sailed from Honolulu on the 21st instant for Hongkong and is expected to arrive at this port on or about the 12th December.

The T.K.K. str. Kyo Maru sailed from Valparaiso on the 15th instant for Hongkong and is expected to arrive at this port on or about the 3rd February.

The T.K.K. str. Bujo Maru sailed from Honolulu on the 14th inst. for Peru and Chile via Mexico.

The Imperial German Mail Krest carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin on the 1st November, has left Colombo on Sunday, 19th inst., and may be expected here on or about the 30th inst.

The O.S.K. Mexico Maru from Tacoma left Yokohama for this port via Shanghai on the 1st November, and is due here on the 30th.

The C.P.R. Mongolia left Vancouver for Hongkong on the 15th inst.

The P. & O. Syria is expected to arrive at Penang on the 22nd inst. at 10 p.m.

A GREAT PROCESSION AT CANTON.

Our Canton correspondent writing on the 20th says:—

Yesterday was the tenth day of the new Republic (if such it can be called), and the event was celebrated by a monster procession to the grave of Wan Sung Ts'e and the 72 men who were executed for complicity in the abortive rising of the 3rd moon. The procession was more than a mile long, and must have contained thousands. At the head marched a brass band emitting the most horrible noises, and there were also present a large number of the "Bomb Society," each member of which held a bomb in either hand. A notable feature was two poles wreathed with queues that had recently been cut.

Another remarkable sight was a dog and a cat held aloft to signify that Kwungting is now so peaceful that even the dogs and cats need have no fear. Several girls and women were in the procession, and the onlookers showed their good manners and chivalry by "bowing" at them and burling ribald remarks as they passed along. The scene at the graves was a remarkable one. People were gathered together in thousands, and the burial places were strewn with wreaths and thousands of crackers were fired. Speeches on eulogising the "heroes" and expatiating on their immortal fame were made amidst great enthusiasm. The majority of the men on the actual procession appeared to be a very rough crowd whose acquaintance with soap and water was evidently limited.

CANTON ASSEMBLY HALL WRECKED BY A BOMB.

NEARLY A HUNDRED PERSONS KILLED OR INJURED.

A later letter from our Canton correspondent reports that the Provincial Assembly Hall has been partially destroyed by the explosion of a bomb.

It appears that with the full consent of the small coterie that calls itself a Government a number of the "Dynamite Bomb Society" members have been allowed quarters in the Assembly building. At about 2 p.m. when a meeting had just concluded and the place was fairly well filled with men, one of these "heroes" let a bomb carelessly fall out of his pocket onto the stone floor. There was at once a terrific explosion, from the results of which three men, including the owner of the bomb, were shattered to pieces, nearly thirty seriously injured and a still larger number slightly hurt. On the whole it is supposed that nearly a hundred persons were wounded. Luckily the doors of the building did not collapse, otherwise there would in all probability have been a terrible loss of life. After the explosion a fire broke out that raged for over two hours before it was finally extinguished.

The members of this "Bomb Society" are a standing disgrace to a community that is at present boasting of its "civilisation" and high aims before the world. Under the rule of the ex-Viceroy firm and determined effort was made to keep these people in check, but since the establishment of the present chaotic Government these men openly parade the streets with bombs sufficient to destroy half Canton. More nearly, all these men are ignorant persons who in all probability have but little idea of the terrible potency of the explosive they handle so carelessly until that power is brought home to them by such accidents as the one described.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber on Friday afternoon, all the members being present with the exception of the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock. The following Bills were read a first time:—The Pound Ordinance; Stamp Further Amendment Ordinance; Stamp Duties Management Amendment Ordinance; and the University Further Amendment Ordinance. The following measures, after being considered in Committee and slightly amended, passed their third reading:—Moreland Shipping Amendment Ordinance; Law Revision Ordinance; Law Amendment Ordinance; General Revision Ordinance. The Chinese Partnership Ordinance passed through the committee stage. Council was adjourned until Thursday next.

HOOLIGANISM IN HONGKONG.

Reports received at Police Headquarters from out stations show that all is quiet, with the exception of Tsuamti, where it is alleged that it is not safe for residents to walk out by night unless they would risk being stoned. The bad characters of the Colony, and many from Canton, appear to have congregated in the City of Victoria, and their attitude is creating a feeling of unrest, which is manifesting itself by the extra police precautions which are being taken.

On Tuesday we announced that the police had received orders to parade for duty fully armed, Squads of Indian police, in charge of a European officer, who were armed with heavy batons, are patrolling the street of the city dispersing mobs and taking other precautions to protect peaceful citizens.

We understand that the West River steamers have now stopped running.

BRITISH STEAMER PIROTED ON WEST RIVER.

CHIEF OFFICER KILLED.

When the Chinese-owned steamer "Shui On," which flies the British flag, was pirated in port yesterday morning and proceeded to the man-of-war anchorage with the police signal flying. Two police launches put off to her, on board of one of them being the Harbour Master, Commander Beckwith, R.N., Dr. Keyt, Health Officer of the Port, and Inspector Langley. The fact of a river steamer proceeding to the man-of-war anchorage, instead of running alongside her wharf was a sure indication that all was not well on board, and this in conjunction with her half-masted flag was a testimony of some dire tragedy.

Later, the "Shui On" proceeded to her wharf at West Point and during the day was visited by hundreds of residents, who heard gurled accounts of one of the most daring pirates perpetrated on the West River for some years. The officers quartered on the upper deck of the steamer were riddled with bullets, and the shattered mirrors and portholes, and damaged dressing sets bore witness to the accurate shooting of the pirates.

On Thursday afternoon the "Shui On" left Kowloon with a general cargo and 164 passengers. When clear of the port Captain Johnson turned in, and Mr. H. J. Nicholson, the chief officer, took the watch, a Chinese pilot being at the wheel. Between 7 and 8 p.m. the vessel arrived at Junction Bend, no untoward incident marring the voyage, but at Stauch Island the steamer went aground. It was then apparent that she had not been steer'd her usual course, for instead of proceeding down-channel on the Fish Cliff side of the river she had hinged the rugged coast opposite until she took the ground. As soon as the steamer struck the Chief Officer awoke the captain, who immediately went on deck.

Darkness had then set in, and the officers were considering their position when the hulls of four sampans loomed up. Their presence was not at first carefully observed, for it is customary to meet them in all parts of the river. Those four sampans, however, carried thirty armed pirates, and as they neared the steamer they poured volley after volley of rifle fire into her. Captain Johnson regained his cabin, the door of which faced the shooters, secured his rifle, which had three cartridges in it, and made a hasty search for his ammunition which had apparently been stolen. Then he accomplished a remarkable feat in wriggling through a small port hole on the port and sheltered side of his vessel, although in his effort he fractured two ribs. Once on deck, he secured his rifle and went aft. Mr. Nicholson, meantime, also reached his cabin safely, but the bullet penetrations in his as well as in the Captain's cabin shows the great risk they ran. The Chief Officer seized his rifle and ammunition, and joined the Captain in the after part of the vessel, and for a time there seems to have been a lull in hostilities. The Chinese passengers and crew showed no disposition to dispute with the pirates the result being that only two were injured, being shot in the legs as they were lying in their bunks. The Captain and chief officer, as stated, were in the stern of the ship, and as all seemed to be quiet they decided to go forward again. No sooner had they regained the fore deck cabin than the pirates again opened fire, and Captain Johnson, with his three cartridges, shot two of them before making for shelter. Mr. Nicholson, abeam the officers' quarters on the upper deck, with only a stanchion supporting awning as shelter, faced a band of unkempt and bloodthirsty pirates and in four successive shots accounted for four of their number before receiving a bullet in the abdomen which struck him on the neck and proved fatal.

The pirates next sought the Chief Engineer, but appear to have thought better than to descend into the engine room, and left that officer alone after discharging a couple of shots. Then they directed their attention to the object of their visit—booty. Chinese passengers were deprived of their money, valuables and luggage, and the ship's compradores were relieved of all the cash he had on hand. The four sampans by which the pirates boarded the steamer were stowed with booty and the pirates, after dropping their dead comrades in the river, disappeared in the darkness. Fight and looting occupied about twenty minutes, and later the "Shui On" was floated, and continued on her voyage to Hongkong.

The Chief Officer who displayed such pluck and sold his life dearly was laid in the mess room. He was a trustworthy man of about 55 years of age, and had been only three or four months on the West River.

After their outrage the pirates were evidently in a hurry to depart, for they did not make the clean sweep of the goods and chattels on board they usually do. The passengers were relieved of most of them possessed, but only part of the clothing of the officers was taken, while a few rifles were left behind.

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TELEGRAMS TELEGRAMS.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TERRIBLE RAILWAY DISASTER IN FRANCE.

LONDON, Nov. 24.

Reuter's correspondent at Paris (France) wires that while the train to Poitiers was crossing a long bridge over the River Thouet, near Montreuil, the bridge was carried away by floods and the whole train, except three carriages, was engulfed.

Latest reports show that there were a hundred passengers on the train, of whom 60 or 80 were drowned.

Some of the passengers clung to a tree while others attempted to swim. Rescuers were impossible, all boats having gone.

One of the swimmers was rescued after clinging to a tree for two hours.

Men are still on top of a carriage. The swirling current frustrated an attempt at rescue by raft, one of the rescuers being drowned.

BRITISH VIEWS.

The papers unanimously ridicule the rumour that Sir Edward Grey will possibly resign.

They point out that though the extremist Radicals are suspicious of the Government's foreign policy, there is an overwhelming sense of opinion that Sir Edward Grey should be supported by Parliament acting in the trying crisis, and that any other action would be construed as a triumph for Germany.

The form of Sir Edward Grey's motion is unusual for it enables him to speak first and discuss the whole realm of foreign policy and not merely as regards Morocco.

It does not raise a question of confidence, and no vote is necessary.

ANGLO-AUSTRALIAN CRICKET.

LONDON, November 24th.

The day fixed for the beginning of play